

REVEALS GRAFTERS

Names of Alleged Robbers of Uncle Sam Made Public.

BOODLE FLOWED FREELY

Beavers, Machen and Their Willing Pals Have Again Been Indicted. Formation of an Extensive Conspiracy is Alleged.

A Washington special says: United States Attorney Beach Friday announced that the persons named in the seven indictments returned by the grand jury last Tuesday were:

George W. Beavers, former chief of the division of salaries and allowances, postoffice.

August W. Machen, former general superintendent of the free delivery system, postoffice department.

James W. Erwin, former postoffice inspector with headquarters in San Francisco.

George H. Huntington and Isaac S. McGehean, both of New York city, owners of the Columbia Supply Company, of that city.

Eugene D. Scheble, of Toledo, Ohio, a dentist, and interested in the firm of Mayberry & Ellis, of Detroit, Mich., letter box manufacturers.

Beavers, Machen and Erwin are named jointly in one indictment for conspiracy to defraud the United States. Another indictment is against McGehean, Huntington and Machen for conspiracy to defraud the United States and still another is against the same three conspiracies to commit bribery, both under section 5441. A. S. Scheble and McGehean are indicted jointly for conspiracy against the United States and again for conspiracy to commit bribery. Another indictment is against McGehean for bribery and the last is against Machen singly for accepting bribery under section 501, revised statutes.

All the indictments are based on transactions relating to the supply of letter boxes and package boxes and devices. Some sensational charges are made. The indictment against Beavers, Machen and Erwin alleges that the postal device and improvement company of San Francisco formerly the Montague Indicator and Letter Box Company, was composed almost entirely of western postal employees; that in 1889 it set aside 1,000 shares of stock for forwarding its interests to its president, Daniel S. Richardson, and Inspector Erwin came to Washington, saw Beavers, Machen, Heath and others and got an order for equipping 2,084 letter boxes with their device.

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EXTRA SESSION DELAYED.

At Suggestion of Leaders, President Changes Date of Meeting of Congress to November 9th.

After mature consideration and consultation in person and by mail with members of both the senate and the house of representatives, President Roosevelt has abandoned the suggestion that congress be called into extraordinary session, which he announced many months ago would be held this fall, will be called, according to present plans, to meet on November 2, which was the date tentatively fixed some time ago. It is not expected that the formal call for the session will be issued until after the president shall have returned to Washington.

Notwithstanding the fact that the suggestion of an October session of congress came from prominent senators who warmly advocated its adoption, the proposition was not received with favor by members of congress generally. The idea of a session in October was opposed particularly because it would oblige senators and representatives to leave their states and districts in the midst of a campaign which to many of them and their party was of vital importance.

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THE NEWS OF A WEEK IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Columbia's Loss \$92,000.

The total loss of the recent fire in Columbia is \$92,000, insurance \$33,500. The heaviest loss is J. L. Minnaugh whose stock of clothing valued at \$50,000, was insured for but \$17,500. He will at once build a very handsome block of stores where the other was destroyed.

Merchant Killed by a Boy.

Miller McKinney, a prominent country merchant of the firm of McKinney & Sloan, near Tucupau, Spartanburg county, was shot and instantly killed on the public road near his place of business by Harry Dean, an 18-year-old boy, son of a prominent farmer and nephew of Chief of Police Dean, of Spartanburg.

Body of Curtis Recovered.

The body of J. B. Curtis, traveling agent for the Simmonds manufacturing company, of Fitchburg, Mass., who was drowned a few days ago while on a yacht sail in Ashley river, was recovered. Twelve boats were engaged in dredging for the body for two days, but without success. It was found off Chisholm's mill by some sailors; it had drifted against a schooner.

Negro Killed by Brother.

Two negroes named Swinton, living in the same house at Syracuse, Darlington county, had a dispute over a bale of cotton. The elder of the two cut his brother with a knife and was hit in return with a weight. The matter was supposed to be settled, but later on the younger brother drew a pistol, fired five times and killed the elder brother instantly.

Cotton Mills Store Burned.

The store of the Laurens cotton mills, including general merchandise stock worth \$20,000, and building worth \$10,000, was totally destroyed one night last week by a fire of supposed accidental origin.

The loss is fully covered by insurance in all mutual companies. The mill office building, said to be the handsomest in the south, across the street, was saved without injury, as were all the cottages.

Plans for a new store building will be prepared at once. The mill itself, 200 yards distant, was not endangered.

Sheriff Protects Prisoner.

In West Greenville last Saturday evening, Robert Gunnels, white, criminally assaulted a 4-year-old negro girl. Gunnels was drunk and while passing the yard, where the girl was playing, under the pretense of giving the child some fruit, took her to a nearby body of woods, where he accomplished his object. The child was found later in an unconscious condition and suffering.

The police and the sheriff were notified and a search for the guilty party began. He was found about 11 o'clock lying asleep in an old mill building 300 yards from where the deed was committed.

Gunnels was arrested and placed in the county jail. The negroes learned of the affair Sunday, and there was great excitement among them.

To avoid a lynching the sheriff, Sunday night, removed the prisoner to Spartanburg for safety.

Estimates for Navy Yard Work.

A Washington dispatch says: Estimates have been submitted to Rear Admiral Endicott, chief of the bureau of yards and docks, for the improvements and expenditures at various navy yards for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904. Those relating to South Carolina are as follows:

Charleston, total, \$3,640,000, which includes: Extension of storehouse, \$120,000; yard powerhouse and equipments, \$135,000; quay wall, \$400,000; pier No. 312, \$100,000; coaling pier and plant, \$250,000; dredging for piers, entrance to dock, \$180,000; floating crane, \$100,000; drydock No. 1, \$350,000; ship fitters' shop, \$150,000; smithery, \$150,000; boat shop, \$110,000.

Port Royal, total, \$4,869,246, which includes: Two stone and concrete drydocks \$2,200,000; quay wall, \$1,147,000; dredging basin and widening channel, \$500,000; railroad from Burton Hill to station, \$258,000.

Move for a New Judge.

The attorneys representing the state in the Tillman case have informed Chief Justice Pope that Judge Townsend is objectionable to them, as the presiding officer at the trial, and that they desire to move for a revocation of the order appointing Judge Townsend and move the appointment of some one else.

Judge Townsend was appointed by the chief justice to preside at the Lexington term of court at which J. H. Tillman will be tried, because of the incapacity of the regular judge to preside on account of illness.

When Judge Pope was informed that such a motion was desired to be made he was at his summer home at Flat Rock, N. C. Such hearings have to occur in the state, and he named Spartanburg as the place for the hearing. On his arrival the motion was formally entered.

The objections were based on technicalities. Justice Pope will announce his decision later.

The term of court during which Tillman will be tried will be convened September 21.

South Carolina Postal Changes.

The following changes have been ordered in the postal service in South Carolina:

Rural free delivery, with additional service will begin October 1 at Pickens, Pickens county.

The postoffice at Dwight, Lancaster county, and Philson, Laurens county, was discontinued September 14, mail to be sent to Wildcat and Clinton, respectively, the service at Philson to be superseded by rural free delivery.

Star service has been discontinued from Union to Etta Jane.

Star service has been established from Edisto Island to Edisto Island Landing, six times a week.

Star service with box delivery and collection beginning September 14, has been ordered from Sarat, via Sunny side to Etta Jane, six and one-half miles and back, six times a week.

James P. Proctor, of Sarat, contractor, at \$150; from Mount Joy to Ketchikan, two and one-half miles and back, six times a week; William L. Inman, of Mount Joy, contractor, at \$149.50; and from Union to Fayette, three and three-fourth miles and back, three times a week; L. D. Smith, of Union, contractor, at \$107.

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Our Warships in Turkish Waters Causes Talk.

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Germany Would Do Just What Uncle Sam Has Done in the Matter, However—Admiral Cotton Awaits Further Developments.

A delayed dispatch from Constantinople to The Lokal Anzeiger (Berlin newspaper) which sometimes prints official news, says:

"Telegraphic consular reports received here say that the murder of Christians in different parts of Beirut continued. Disorder prevails and traffic is destroyed."